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Upon Justice;

Or the powerful Operation of GOLD:

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some Resentments against the Proceedings of the
CATHOLICK CAUSE.

THAT Gold more powerful should than Justice sway,
or *Indian-dust*, should *Englands Trust* betray !
What boarding Omens of Approaching Fate,
With dusky Wings attends that falling State ?
Where Justice staggers, and the splendid Laws,
Suffer Eclipses, in a *Roman Cause*.
What can we think, when *Astrea* thus ascend ;
And Cloud, invading *Magna Charta* bends ?
Press'd with the weight of too too ponderous Ores,
Which Scarlet Robes, Ah me, too oft Adore.
If 'tis a Sin to injure Innocence,
'Tis worse indulging him who gave Offence :
For what should Men to Justice have regard,
When hated Treason scapes its just reward ?
The trembling Universe must surely groan,
When such pass by who undermine a Throan.
Wrack'd Orbs must shiver in a Storm like this,
No Nation can hereafter hope for Peace ;
When swell'd with such success, the Murdering Rout,
Like swarms of Locusts, are dispers'd about.
Unsafe are Crowns, and sacred Monarchs too ;
If Traitors are upheld in what they do.
When Laws, alas, like Spiders Webs are made,
The Great escape, the less by Death are stay'd.
But Justice in it self does Splendid prove,
It owns no Nation, made of Fear, or Love.
In equal Scales it weighs the Cause, and then,
Destructive Mammon, dares not thrust between.
That Conscience sits, a continual Feast,
Where neither Love, Revenge, nor Interest

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Can bribe ; to prevercate, 'twas happy sure,
 If Monarchs in all Ages could procure
 Such faithful Props, whose Candid Souls ne'r knew,
 That Gold had power to render Man untrue :
 Or over-lavish Mines, could baffle Death,
 Pronouncing Guilty, Guiltless, with one Breath.
 That like the Orbs, an Art there could be found,
 Or pow'ful Charms, to hurt Conscience round.
 'Tis sure, if we such, Virtues could posses,
 They'd much augment our Nations Happiness.
 Then *England* would the Land of Promise prove,
 Founded on Basis made of perfect Love.
 No Evening Wolves, nor lurking Serpents Power,
 Could hiss at Kings, nor Subjects Wealths devour,
 No *Roman* Basilicks could e're prevail,
 With Golden Heads, their poisoning Art would fail.
 The best of Princes might repose secure,
 Whom wise Omnipotence does still immure.
 Whil'st Guards of Angels, an Eternal Quire,
 Inclose him round, in vain does Hell conspire,
 And his first-born, with Flouds of Rage incense ;
 His Virtue's Addamant for his Defence.
 With flaming Swords, the bright *Seraphick* Band,
 (Against whole Arms, not Earth nor Hell can stand)
 Have strict Command to save him from his Foes,
 Who Vipers like, his Royal Self inclose :
 Whilst Gownmen wink at Treason, and pass by,
 The black Designers, of all Villany.
 Could it be thought, a Traitors Golden Hook
 Tho Baits of Angels dangl'd, could have took
 So soon ; and from its primal Element,
 A Soul professing Loyalty have bent ?
 Or to have freed a Wretch, whose horrid Hand,
 Pail Poison mix'd, to ruine all the Land !
 Strengthen'd with Fictitious Blessings from that Train,
 Whose Scarlet Mistriss does or'e Nations Reign.
 By Tyranny, makes Kingdoms blush with Blood :
 None dares converse with her, that dares be good.
 Witness her Agents, blast ye powers above,
 Their Thoughts for ever, let no Peace nor Love,

In her dire Habitations to abide,
 No more let Empire in her Smiles Confide.
 For why, her Shapes beyond *Proteus* are,
 If she wants power to manage her affair.
 She like a Scorpion, in sweet Verdure lies ;
 From thence the heedless doth with Death surprise.
 Mercies a Stranger, and is seldom known ;
 If She by Sword, or Treason Grasps a Throne.
 For oh, the Horrors that attend her Will ;
 To Burn, to Torture, Ravish, Poison, Kill.
 But that our Law, she should infect, is strange !
 'Tis the *Preludium* sure, of fatal Change.
 That She like *Joë*, by Raining Showers of Gold ;
 Should our Chaste *Dane* Ravish from her hold.
 Where She for many Ages did reside,
 A spotless Virgin, *Englands* chieftest Pride.
 But now Desil'd, her Guardians have betray'd ;
 Those Gates of Addamant, and thence convey'd
 The glittering Sword, with which She quell'd her Foes :
 And maugur'd all, that durst presume to close.
 But now with Shame, She hides her Angel-head,
 With sable Vails her bashful face is spread.
 Conquer'd by Dust is She, that did Command,
 A thousand thousand, and supports the Land.
Rome fear'd her Frowns, and trembled too, but now !
 No longer dwells that Terror on her Brow.
 That Aful Luster is obscur'd and gone,
 A dark Eclipse of Midnight hurries on.
 Her sacred Scales that were from Heaven sent,
 With ponderous Interest are to Atoms rent.
 If E're repair'd their far too weak to hold,
 Against a Storm that's intermix'd with Gold.
 The feeble she may Crush, but surely know,
 Her first design was never order'd so :
 For she her strength against the mighty bent,
 And oft in pity spar'd the Impotent.
 But since her last Affront, she dares not own,
 That *Roman* Treasons are in *England* known.
 Or that to Murder Princes, was a Crime
 The blackest Monster Ere was hatch'd by Time.

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This to the height, promotes Conspirac'e,
 By this they prove no Plot, and all was free.
 Had Angels spoken but in their behalf,
 Or had their Priests but plac'd a Golden-Calf ;
 The Symptoms of their Cruel Thoughts had been,
 Quite banished from the Stage and never seen.
 Nay, now so boldly dictates haughty *Rome*,
 Their Grief is past, and ours is yet to come.
 That their insulting Heroes never fled ;
 But that's untrue, some have unpunished.
 Nay, and already, as if all was done ;
 To make Deponents odious, they've begun.
 With Romish quirks, they scandalize the State ;
 Reflect on Justice, which they could Translate
 To their Advantage, as for *Plebeian* Eyes ;
 They strive to cloud'm with a false disguise.
 And to perswade'm with a fond conceit ;
 The Plot's now vanished, twas a Counterfeit.
 But Protestants beware, whil'st Crimes they Shroud ;
 The Tempest gathers in a louring Cloud.
 All black it hangs, it baiful Drops will shed ;
 Like *Paris* Murders, on the Churches Head.
 When least suspected sullen Fate will come,
 Justice disarm'd, the next we look for's *Rome*.
 Sure Hell produc'd that Villain he inherits,
 The Land of Darknels, with Tempestuous Spirits.
 Still may he groan in that infernal Shade :
 Where Harpies dwell, eternal Thunders Aid.
 To make his Torments full, that durst extend
 His cursed Arm, or impious Thoughts could bend
 Against the Viceroy of that mighty God,
 Who made the World, and with an auful nod,
 He Heaven, Earth and Hells Foundations shakes ;
 And in Protection sacred Princes takes.
 Tho Men ungrateful wink at Crimes below,
 His Vengeance sure will ne're be basled so.
 But pay the Traitors home, when all the Gold,
 Can ne'r relieve, that *Indian*-Mines infold.